

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please amend the Title as follows:

SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR METHOD OF PLANNING DEMAND FOR A
CONFIGURABLE PRODUCT IN A MANAGED SUPPLY CHAIN AND A DEMAND
PLANNER APPARATUS FOR PLANNING DEMAND FOR A CONFIGURABLE
PRODUCT IN A MANAGED SUPPLY CHAIN

On page 1, please insert as a first paragraph the following:

--This application is a national stage filing under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of International Application No. PCT/EP2003/014520, filed December 9, 2003, which published in the English language.--

Please amend line 17 as follows:

Summary of the Invention

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 27, and ending on page 10, line 5, as follows:

It will be understood that the present invention ~~provides the advantages of~~
~~facilitating the creation and maintenance of~~ may create and maintain an internal
hierarchy describing the new aggregation values, i.e., the new owner-member
relationships, this hierarchy ~~[[is]]~~ being used for the administration of the additionally

buffered data. Further, existing CBF routines are enhanced so that they work consistently with the different new aggregation levels of the data. Moreover, the development and implementation of new routines for performing the aggregation and disaggregation calculation between the different new aggregation levels of the data are provided.